

**Gathering Table
a Faith Community
in the
Anglican Church of Canada**

The Second Sunday after the Epiphany

**Officiating: Jim Sutton – Lay Reader
Preaching: Brenda O’Neill – Lay Reader**

January 16th , 2022

10:00 a.m.

Welcome To Gathering Table

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For thousands of years, First Nations people have walked on this land; relationship with the land is at the centre of life and spirituality. We are gathered as treaty people on the traditional territory of the Anishnaabeg of the Fort William First Nation and acknowledge this people’s stewardship of this land through the ages.

Welcome and Opening Remarks

Jesus manifested his glory,
and his disciples believed in him. *John 2.11*

Music Before the Liturgy:
Thankful

Gathering of the Community **BAS Page 47**

Please stand, as you are able, for the Gathering of the Community

Presider: Lord, open our lips,

All: **And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.**

Presider: O God, make speed to save us.

All: **O Lord, make haste to help us.**

All: **Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.**

Canticle 14: A Song of Creation 1 *BAS – page 82*
Song of the Three 35 – 51

God rules over all the earth:

O come, let us worship.

Glorify the Lord, all you works of the Lord, *
praise him and highly exalt him for ever.

In the firmament of his power, glorify the Lord, *
praise him and highly exalt him for ever.

Glorify the Lord, you angels and all powers of the Lord, *

O heavens and all waters above the heavens.
Sun and moon and stars of the sky, glorify the Lord, *
praise him and highly exalt him for ever.

Glorify the Lord, every shower of rain and fall of dew, *
all winds and fire and heat.
Winter and summer, glorify the Lord, *
praise him and highly exalt him for ever.

Glorify the Lord, O chill and cold, *
drops of dew and flakes of snow.
Frost and cold, ice and sleet, glorify the Lord, *
praise him and highly exalt him for ever.

Glorify the Lord, O nights and days, *
O shining light and enfolding dark.
Storm clouds and thunderbolts, glorify the Lord, *
praise him and highly exalt him for ever

Let us glorify the Lord: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; *
praise him and highly exalt him for ever.
In the firmament of his power, glorify the Lord, *
praise him and highly exalt him for ever

God rules over all the earth:
O come, let us worship.

The Proclamation of the Word
(Please be seated for the readings.)

**First Reading is found in The Book of
Isaiah 62: 1 – 5**

For Zion's sake I will not keep silent, and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest, until her vindication shines out like the dawn, and her salvation like a burning torch. The nations shall see your vindication, and all the kings your glory; and you shall be called by a new name that the mouth of the Lord will give. You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the Lord, and a royal diadem in the hand of your God. You shall no more be termed Forsaken, and your land shall no more be termed Desolate; but you shall be called My Delight Is in Her, and your land Married; for the Lord delights in you, and your land shall be married. For as a young man marries a young woman, so shall your builder marry you, and as the bridegroom rejoices over the bride, so shall your God rejoice over you.

This is the Word of The Lord
Thanks be to God.

PSALM 36: 5 – 10

Your love, O Lord, reaches to the heavens, and your faithfulness to the clouds

Your righteousness is like the strong mountains, your justice like the great deep; you save both man and beast, O Lord.

How priceless is your love, O God! your people take refuge under the shadow of your wings.

They feast upon the abundance of your house; you give them drink from the river of your delights.

For with you is the well of life, and in your light we see light.

Continue your loving-kindness to those who know you, and your favour to those who are true of heart.

The Second Reading is found in the 1st Book of 1 Corinthians 12: 1 - 11

Now concerning spiritual gifts, brothers and sisters, I do not want you to be uninformed. You know that when you were pagans, you were enticed and led astray to idols that could not speak. Therefore I want you to understand that no one speaking by the Spirit of God ever says "Let Jesus be cursed!" and no one can say "Jesus is Lord" except by the Holy Spirit. Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues,

to another the interpretation of tongues. All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses.

**This is the Word of The Lord
Thanks be to God.**

A Gradual: Jesus Come for We Invite You

Please stand, as you are able, for the reading of the Gospel.

**The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
according to John 2: 1 - 11**

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

The Gospel of Christ.
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

A Sermon / Message: Brenda O'Neill

A time of silence for reflection:

Affirmation of Faith:

Let us confess the faith in these words:

**Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God, the Lord is one.
Love the Lord your God with all your heart,
with all your soul, with all your mind,
and with all your strength.
his is the first and the great commandment.**

**The second is like it:
Love your neighbour as yourself.**

There is no commandment greater than these.

Music: Love divine, All Loves Excelling

Intercessions and Thanksgivings

**Collect for The Second Sunday after Epiphany
Almighty God, your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ
is the light of the world. May your people,
illumined by your word and sacraments, shine
with the radiance of his glory, that he may be
known, worshipped, and obeyed to the ends of the
earth; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy
Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen**

Prayers of the People

With longing hearts we pray, “Lord, hear our prayer”.
Lord, hear our prayer

For your Church, especially Archbishop Anne, Archdeacon
Deborah, Pastor Gail, for the members of this parish listed
in our bulletin; and for our Concurrence Committee. May
we be sensitive to the leading of your Spirit.

Lord, hear our prayer

For the Queen and all in authority. We pray for wisdom,
truth and compassion in the governance and care of all

people, particularly as the world continues to deal with the continuing challenges of the COVID-19 pandemic. We pray especially for people in countries without vaccines and other resources. **Lord, hear our prayer**

For the safety and protection of hospital and first responder staff, for city police, OPP, RCMP, and for our armed forces, especially members of the Lake Superior Scottish Regiment. **Lord, hear our prayer**

For lasting peace in war-torn countries such as Afghanistan, Yemen, Syria, Somalia, Ethiopia, and North Africa. For easing of tensions in Ukraine. For relief and safety for people and lands affected by drought, flood, famine, and other disasters. **Lord, hear our prayer**

For deep and lasting reconciliation from the residential school legacy, and for justice and peace for families of missing and murdered indigenous women and girls. **Lord, hear our prayer**

For those in need of your healing touch and grieving the loss of a loved one – (*please say aloud or silently the names of persons*); in your mercy, **Lord, hear our prayer**

For all people, as we confront the urgency and reality of human-caused climate change; grant us great courage to address this challenge in a timely manner. **Lord, hear our prayer**

For the staff at Grace Place, Dew Drop Inn, Shelter House, Salvation Army, and other agencies who serve the hungry, lonely, and hurting people of our city. Grant them encouragement, resources and compassion to do this vital work.

Lord, hear our prayer

For our parish of Gathering Table; may we live with passion and purpose and abide in Jesus; may we be formed in God's love for the world and may we act justly, love mercy and walk humbly with You.

Lord, hear our prayer

We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.

Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father;
**in your compassion, forgive us our sins,
known and unknown,
things done and left undone;
and so uphold us by your Spirit
that we may live and serve you
in newness of life,
to the honour and glory of your name;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Gracious God,
you have heard the prayers of your faithful people;
you know our needs before we ask,
and our ignorance in asking.
Grant our requests as may be best for us.
This we ask in the name of your Son
Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Let us continue in prayer together, saying:

Creator, we give you thanks for all you are and all you bring to us for our time within your creation. In Jesus, you place the Gospel in the centre of the sacred circle through which all of creation is related. You show us the way to live a generous and compassionate life. Give us your strength to live together with respect and commitment as we grow in your Spirit, for you are God, now and forever. Amen

And now, as our Saviour Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

A Blessing:

**Life is short
And we do not have much time
To Gladden the hearts of those
Who travel with us.
So may we be swift to love,
May we make haste to be kind**

**And may we go in Peace
To Love and serve the Lord**

Announcements

Closing Music: All Creatures of our God and King

Dismissal

Alleluia! Let us go forth to be Christ's Body here on earth.
Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Please note that there is a 'treasure chest' at the back of the church where offerings can be left when leaving the church.

At the conclusion of the service, please remain seated until an usher dismisses you. If you are helping with post-service cleaning or counting, please remain seated until ushers indicate it is safe to move about.

Readings for The 3rd Sunday after the Epiphany

Nehemiah 8: 1 – 3, 5 – 6, 8 - 10

Psalm 19

1 Corinthians 12: 14 – 21

Luke 4: 14 - 21

Anglican Cycle of Prayer Please Pray for:

2nd Sunday of Epiphany

The Church of England

Anglican Lutheran Cycle of Prayer :

Please Pray for:

- ACC:** Executive Director, Will Postma, and staff of the Primate's World Relief and Development Fund
- ELCIC** Executive Director, Karin Achtelstetter, and staff of Canadian Lutheran World Relief
- ACC/ELCIC** The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: Please pray for:

(Week of Prayer for Christian Unity Begins)

"We saw the star in the East, and we came to worship him" Matthew 2:2

Ecumenism throughout Algoma

**if your congregation shares in a particular ministry with a church of another denomination, if there is a local ministerial, or other ecumenical group in which the congregation participates, please name them and uplift them in prayer.

Parish Cycle of Prayer

Please pray for our own church members:

Janis Medwid, Arlene Meservier, Carl and Elizabeth Mickelson, Adrienne Morris, Tom and Dora Morris, Charles and Marion Morris, Rosalie Hardisty Morris, Mark Myers, Dorothy Nesbitt, Len Norris, Garth and Brenda O'Neill, Cindy Papassay, Henry Parise, Marjorie (Midge) Peel, Richard Pepper, Sheila Pepper, Nancy and

Bob Polhill, Dr. Michelle Proudfoot, Alex and Sarah,
Evelyn and Emerson Pyne,

Please Pray For: Our young people in Junior High School, High School, College and University who are struggling academically, social and mentally, as well as with understanding their own identities.

A grace note from www.thunderbay-northshoreanglicans.com

Seek truth in a new light.

Reminder about Visitations:

Pastoral care visits will continue to be restricted to emergency situations – please call the office if such a situation arises.

Gathering Table Prayer Chain

During this time of social isolation and uncertainty, it is more important than ever to pray for one another. If you would like to be a part of the Gathering Table prayer chain or you have any needs or concerns that you would like placed on the prayer chain please contact

Sheila Chisholm at chisholmsheilak@gmail.com
or text /phone 306-240-0771.

Sunday Sermons: Sunday service can be viewed on the Gathering Table website <http://gatheringtable.ca> and on the Gathering Table Facebook page. The whole service

will be live streamed at 10 a.m. Sunday at the link <http://gatheringtable.ca> **Please Note** You may be visible on the online stream

**“Pay it forward” and make a donation to
PWRDF’S Vaccine Equity Fund.**

Archbishop Anne Germond in her charge to Synod in the fall of 2021, talked about the importance of the **PWRDF’S Vaccine Equity Fund**, a resolution to support this project was passed by Algoma’s synod. When you receive your vaccine, “Pay it forward” and make a donation to PWRDF’S Vaccine Equity Fund. Your gift will support PWRDF partners in the most vulnerable parts of the world as they prepare for vaccination rollout, including work already underway to supply PPE, thermometers, sanitation and hand washing facilities, and accurate public health information.

“UPDATE NEWS”

Vaccine Equity gains support

PWRDF is grateful to everyone who has donated to the Vaccine Equity Fund, totalling \$110,500 to date. When you receive your vaccine, “Pay it forward” and make a donation to PWRDF’s Vaccine Equity Fund. Your gift will support PWRDF partners in the most vulnerable parts of the world as they prepare for vaccination rollouts, including work already underway to supply PPE, sanitation and handwashing facilities, thermometers and accurate public health information. Watch our 100-second

video with the Primate and many Anglican Bishops and make your donation today.

After you make your donation, you can help yourself to a Christmas tree ornament at Gathering Table as a thank you from the Deanery. You may donate online by going to **pwrdf.org/give-today** and click on Vaccine Equity Fund. Or phone Donor Relations Officer Mike Ziemerink at 416-822-9083, or leave a voicemail toll-free at 1-866-308-7973 and someone will return your call. Or send a cheque with “Vaccine Equity Fund” in the memo field to PWRDF, 80 Hayden St, 3rd floor, Toronto, Ontario, M4Y 3G2 For further information go to www.pwrdf.org

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2022 Envelopes
are now available at the back of the church.
Or Ask About Electronic Offering Program

World Day of Prayer - Pray Now

The World Day of Prayer (WDP) 2022 program was written by the women of England, Wales and Northern Ireland with the theme, "*I Know the Plans I have for You*" based on Jeremiah 29:1-14. The traditional WDP time is the first Friday in March. Its international committee is calling women and men to join in prayer for *Pray NOW*. *Pray NOW 2022* is a 4-part series of informed prayer together. Each will be a video or podcast link for you to join anytime. The 30-minute video will consist of a panel conversation with information related to WDP followed by prayer. You will learn more about WDP and will also experience different styles of prayer. <https://wicc.org/get-involved/events/>

Gathering Table Annual Vestry Meeting
Sunday, February 20th, 2022



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Office Hours:

Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Friday from 8 a.m. to noon

Pastor: Currently Vacant – Please call the Church Office

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Lay Readers: Frances Bennett-Sutton, Rose Jardine,
Brenda O’Neill and Jim Sutton, **On Leave:** Kim Bienvenue,

Lay Reader in Training: Richard Pepper

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| Rector’s Warden: | Marg Boone |
| Deputy Rector’s Warden: | Dr. Michelle Proudfoot |
| People’s Warden: | Jim Sutton |
| Deputy People’s Warden: | Sheila Chisholm |
| Co-Music Directors - | Pianist Donna Hamill
Organist (Vacant) |

Archbishop Anne's Motto for 2022

“So, if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation:
everything old has passed away;
see, everything has become new.”

(2. Cor. 5.17) “